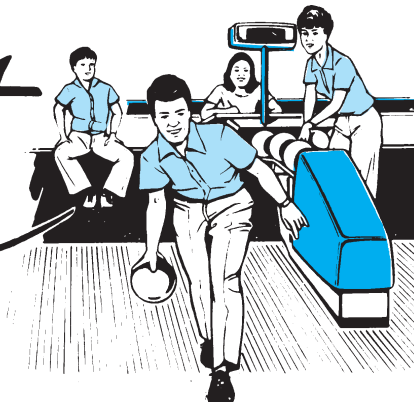


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Nicole Loomis, David Owens Top Metro Detroit USBC 'Junior Masters'

• DAVID OWENS of Lincoln Park prevailed in the boy's division and Nicole Loomis of Warren won the girl's division of the Metro Detroit USBC Association Junior Masters at Astro Lanes in Madison Heights. Owens defeated top seed Cory Coffey of Southgate, 194-154, to win the boy's division.

Defending champion Loomis beat Jenna Nottle of Macomb, 204-186, to capture the girl's division. Loomis earned a spot in the USBC Junior Gold Championships in July 2014 in Buffalo. Coffey was the top qualifier among the boys with a six-game total of 1,137. Owens qualified third with 1,100.

Loomis was the top girl's qualifier with 1,094, while Nottle qualified second with 1,091. The boy's stepladder finals began with Nicholas Udocon of Clarkston beating Trevor Mackowiak of Chesterfield, 191-168. Udocon then fell to Owens, 187-138. Owens beat Joseph Mazza of



Shelby Township, 151-144, to advance to the championship match. Mazza and Udocon earned Junior Gold spots. The girl's stepladder finals kicked off with Kate Gladstone of

Lake Orion beating Elizabeth Ireland of Washington, 171-156. Nottle then beat Gladstone, 181-141, en route to the finals. Sponsor of the MDUSBC Junior Masters is Turbo 2-N-1 Grips.

Colombia's Clara Guerrero Makes PBA History in Cheetah Event

Colombian native Clara Guerrero, now a U.S. citizen living in Pflugerville, Texas, wrote her own chapter in the PBA record book when she joined Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., and Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., as the third woman ever to qualify for a nationally-televised PBA Tour championship round. Guerrero, a 31-year-old right-hander, advanced from 10th place to fourth during the seven-game Cheetah Championship semifinal round to qualify fourth for the ESPN finals which will be conducted on Saturday, Nov. 2, for airing on Sunday, Dec. 1, at 1 p.m. Guerrero's huge rally was even more impressive considering she started the semifinal round with a 189 game, falling farther off the pace, before finishing games of 244, 289, 213, 267, 278 and 277 to knock Craig Nidiffer of Trenton, Mich., out of the TV finals by 20 pins. Guerrero now has a chance to join Kulick as the second woman ever to win a PBA Tour title. Kulick made bowling — and sports — history in 2010 when she won the PBA Tournament of Champions. Guerrero also is the second woman in the five-year history of PBA World Series competition to finish among the top 24 in the male-domi-

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IN THE NEWS

Six to Enter Detroit Hall Nov. 10

• THE DETROIT Bowling Hall of Fame Committee, a committee of the Metro Detroit USBC Association (MDUSBC), elected six new members to its Hall of Fame and named three others for special awards. This will increase the number of Hall of Fame members to 249. Cynthia Patterson of Taylor, Angela Wilt of Westland, Eddie Grace of Howell, Carol Schemers of Clarkston, Leonard Cianciolo of Warren and the late Bill Srock Sr. earned their place in the prestigious Hall. Sharon Schildroth will be honored with the Thomas W. McKay Award for lifetime service, Michael DeRousie will receive the Judge Watts Award for outstanding contributions to the promotion of bowling and Joe Zainea will receive the George Prybyla Industry Award. Induction ceremonies will take place Sunday, Nov. 10 at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center, 6015 E. Ten Mile Rd. in Warren. Cocktails will be served at 4 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. with ceremonies to follow. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased through the MDUSBC office at (248) 443-2695, ext. 104.

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The show features interviews, tournament winners, technology reports from bowling manufacturers, top competitors, and upcoming USBC events. The show is hosted by Metro Detroit USBC's Association Manager Mark Martin.

The first show aired on Friday, Aug. 23, and the second installment aired on Friday, Sept. 20 on the Detroit area's Comcast Network's Channel 900.

Encore broadcasts will be running throughout the month on Comcast Channel 900, at the following times: Tuesdays at 2 p.m. and 9 p.m., Thursdays at 8 p.m., Fridays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., and Sundays at 9 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

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METRODETROIT USBC NEWS

By Association Manager
Mark A. Martin

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- THE METRO Detroit USBC Association needs your help in increasing the entry into the state tournaments.

The Michigan State USBC Women's Championship deadline is Jan. 13.

The tournament will begin Feb. 8 at Monroe Sport Center and Nortel Lanes in Monroe.

The cost is \$25 per person, per event and \$3 for optional all-events. Also available is the optional scratch division, which is \$5 per person, per event.

For more information on reserved dates and times contact Michigan Women's Association Manager Sharon Schildroth at (616) 635-2032.

The Michigan State USBC Open Championship will begin Jan. 11 at Sherman Bowling Center and Northway Lanes in Muskegon.

The cost is \$24 per person, per event and a cost of \$7 for all-events. The optional actual division prize list is \$10 per person, per

event.

Reserved entries are due by Nov. 30. While the bowling season seems to have just begun, these deadlines are fast approaching so act today.

For information on reserved dates and times call MSBA Association Manager Barney Eagan at (231) 733-5599.

Entry blanks for both tournaments are available in your local bowling center and also at the MDUSBC office.

McKAY TOURNAMENT

- THE METRO Detroit USBC Association will once again conduct the annual Tom McKay Invitational Tournament (formerly the Steve Cruchon Memorial Tournament) on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum and the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Over \$250,000 has been raised since 1990.

We are looking for individuals who may be interested in competing in the invitational event. The cost is \$20 and entrants are expected to raise at least \$100 for the causes by either soliciting donations for \$100 or selling \$200 of 50/50 tickets or a combination.

The event is always a good time where the top eight teams qualify for match play.

If you are interested please contact the MDUSBC office at (248) 443-2695.

DOWNLOAD THE MDUSBC 'APP'

- THE METRO Detroit USBC Association has an app. Yes, the MDUSBC app is available for iPhone, Android and other Smart Phones and Devices.

The app has the rule book, map of all MDUSBC bowling centers, video and other items of interest. More is planned as time goes along.

Download it today and get in on the action.



MDUSBC WOMEN'S SERIES

- THE METRO Detroit USBC Women's Series has returned for the third season. This six-event series is in conjunction with Rip 10 Entertainment (Shelby Lanes). The series will be a scratch event for women only.

Qualifying will be four games and match play will be single-game single elimination

to determine a winner. The competition is expected to last less than four hours.

The entry fee is \$40 (\$45 if paid on site) and first place will pay \$500 based on 24 entries.

The first two events have been held. The next one will be Sunday, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

In conjunction with the six events will be a season-long "cup" competition, where

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IBC Challenges Industry to Certify 20,000 Kids

ARLINGTON, Texas — Bowling centers have an exciting new way to market youth bowling leagues in 2014 through the "Mission Possible" promotion, offered through Strike Ten Entertainment and International Bowling Campus Youth Development. To unify the bowling industry behind the "Mission Possible" challenge to certify 20,000 kids, participating Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) centers and United States Bowling Congress (USBC) associations can qualify to win thousands of dollars in cash prizes.

In addition to the cash incentives, Mission Possible offers participating centers deep discounts on comprehensive marketing kits, significant savings on the bowling balls offered and free USBC Youth Basic memberships all rolled together in this industry-wide initiative.

"The expanded version of the proven successful 8 for 8 league program gives everyone in the bowling industry something to be excited about," Strike Ten Entertainment president Frank DeSocio said. "We've lowered the price of the marketing kits to just \$20.14 each for the year 2014 to fit every proprietor's budget. Plus, we're offering two exciting new options that include 10 for 10 and 12 for 12 league programs to give all our members even more marketing options."

To provide centers with an incentive to participate and certify their youth bowlers, the Mission Possible program includes a \$25,000 Grand Prize Drawing for participating centers and USBC associations that will be conducted at the 2014 Bowl Expo. Centers will receive additional entries in the grand prize drawing for every youth bowler they certify. The winning center will receive a \$20,000 prize and the USBC association servicing the center will receive \$5,000.

The Mission Possible 20,000 Youth Bowlers in 2014 challenge will be offered exclusively to BPAA members and comes with comprehensive marketing materials that include standees, posters, counter cards and customizable sales flyers. To activate this promotion, BPAA member centers can purchase a marketing kit through Strike Ten. A mailer with all the program details is scheduled for October.

The promotion is scheduled for leagues starting from January 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014. For more details, please contact Chad Murphy or John Harbuck at the International Bowling Campus at 800-343-1329 or visit MissionPossibleBowling.com.

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all competitors will receive points for each event they participate in. The top player in points will receive \$1,000 and the top 15 will cash.

Other events are scheduled for Jan. 12; March 9; and April 13.

These events will be held regardless of the number of entries as we try to establish competitive women's bowling in the Bowling Capital of the World.

MDUSBC TOURNAMENTS

• **THE METRO** Detroit USBC Super Senior Masters will be contested on Nov. 2-3 at Belmar Lanes in Lincoln Park.

Entrants must be 60 years of age as of Nov. 2 for the scratch tournament. The cost is \$100.

The format is five games of qualifying cutting to the top 16 players including defending champion Nazree Browning Jr. for one-game double elimination match play.

The MDUSBC 500 Club tournament, which is open to all MDUSBC female members who have bowled a 500 series in their career, will take place on Sunday, Dec. 8 at Wonderland Lanes in Commerce Township at 12:30 p.m.

The entry fee is \$22.

The MDUSBC Queens will take place on Dec. 14-15 at Astro Lanes in Madison Heights.

The cost is \$90 for the scratch tournament.

The format is six games of qualifying cutting to the top 16 players for one-game single-elimination match play. The defend-

ing champion is Lauren Roberts.

For more information on the MDUSBC tournaments call the MDUSBC office at (248) 443-2695.

LEAGUE CERTIFICATIONS COMING IN

• **HAS YOUR** league certified on time this year? Each year a number of leagues don't attend to this requirement and lose precious benefits as a result. This is the time of year that all leagues should be sure that your certification application, membership application cards and money has been turned in to the Metro Detroit USBC Association. One of the key points for leagues to be eligible for full bonding and award protection is to file your certification application within 30 days of the league start date. If you have a question about whether your league application has been filed please call the Association office at (248) 443-2695.

PRIZE LISTS, OFFICER SALARIES, ETC.

• **WITH THE** season already several weeks in, it's time to attend to some items such as the prize list.

USBC Rule 117a specifies that the league prize committee shall submit one or more prize lists for consideration within five weeks after the start of the season. While there is no penalty to non-compliance, the longer a league waits to resolve this issue potentially the worse it can get. Many leagues specify in their league bylaws that prize money is paid on a per point basis and in this case this rule has already been addressed. For those leagues that have no such protocol for prize lists in their bylaws this needs to be done.

Speaking of prize lists, when developing a prize list make sure it's not too top heavy. Making a prize list too top heavy isn't necessarily in the best interest of the league. Just because your team finishes on top doesn't necessarily mean that your prize money should cover all of your expenses for the entire year. Bowlers need to remember that part of the weekly fee you pay goes for lineage to the center. Much like when you bowl in a tournament only a portion of your entry fee goes towards a prize list, same in a league. Ideally a well constructed prize list will return the prize fee portion of your

weekly fees to teams that finish in the top one-third or top one-half of the league.

League officer salaries should be specified in the league bylaws. If they are not it is something that needs to be addressed for next year. League officer salaries should be based on either the number of teams or the number of bowlers. This way the officers get compensated for increased number of teams and the league gets protected if there are less teams than expected.

Generally league secretaries and treasurers should be paid in the neighborhood of \$20 to \$30 per team or \$3 to \$5 per bowler for the season. This amount may change also if the bowling center is doing the league sheets. If the bowling center is doing the league sheets, league secretaries should receive less.

The bottom line is that leagues should

try to keep their expenses to a minimum in order to maximize the return to the bowlers.

MICHIGAN KINGPINS

• **DID YOU** catch the latest episode of Michigan Kingpins? Michigan Kingpins is a monthly video news magazine of the latest bowling news from the Bowling Capital of the World.

Hosted by Mark Martin, the show airs on Comcast Channel 900. If you don't have Comcast Channel 900 you can watch it on Youtube or mdusbc.com.

On Comcast the show airs the following days and times: Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., Sunday at 9 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., Tuesday at 2 p.m. and 9 p.m., Thursday at 8 p.m.

Check it out you might be surprised!

Colombia's Clara Guerrero Makes PBA History

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nated event. Kulick finished 15th in the 2010 Shark Championship, seventh in the 2011 Chameleon Championship and 21st in the 2012 Viper Championship.

Guerrero, who joined the Colombia National bowling team in 1995 at age 13, also is one of six women who have won PBA Regional titles. The former Wichita State University Collegiate All-American won her first PBA title in a PBA Southwest Regional event in Austin, Texas, in October 2012.



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On Oct. 5, 2013, the Detroit 600 Bowling Club took to the lanes in their annual tournament.

This year's tournament saw one big change. Long-time club secretary/treasurer Marion Saunders was sadly absent from the event. Marion has retired from the club and is now residing in the state of Missouri with one of her daughters. The tournament participants signed cards of thanks and appreciation for Marion and her many years of service to the club. The new club secretary/treasurer is Ann Block.

The tournament was conducted with the help of the club's officers — President Holly Oblinger, Vice-President Lisa Henkel and newly-appointed Sargent-at-Arms Debbie Reed. Jon Reed tended to the tournament jackpots and Megan Henkel provided walk-in check-in help.

The tournament champion Jenay Kightlinger-Sharp is a bowler who is returning to tournament play after a few years absence. She thought the 600 tournament would be a good event to get back in the swing of competition.

Jenay topped the field with an actual 653 and a handicap score of 734 to capture the championship. First timer Kristin Truskowski, with a score of 660, bowled

the high actual series for the tournament. Pam Jones rolled the actual high game of 247. The tournament paid 12 places this year.

Next year's tournament will be bowled on Saturday, Oct. 4 at Cherry Hill Lanes. If any Detroit 600 Club member did not bowl in this year's event, dues may be paid to the club secretary. Yearly dues are \$3. If you did not get a chance to bowl this year and if you pay your yearly dues you will receive the tournament gift, a 2014 calendar and pen. Send dues

to Ann Block, Detroit 600 Club, 9709 Mueller, Taylor, MI 48180. The contact number for the club is 313-292-6538.

On Oct. 12 the Pontiac 600 Bowling Club held their annual Best 3 Out of 4 event at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights. This year's tournament saw club secretary Theresa Gates also become tournament champion.

Theresa topped the field with a handicap score of 779. Denise Skarritt bowled the tournament actual series of 685. Renee Stol bowled the tournament high game of 231 with handicap high game honors going to Edwina Grier with a 270.

The Pontiac 600 Bowling Club will take to the lanes again on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 300 Bowl in Waterford. Information can be obtained by e-mailing the club secretary at pontiac600club@yahoo.com.

All ladies in the Metro Detroit USBC can belong to either or both 600 Clubs. The Michigan USBC WBA offers as a benefit lifetime membership to the National 600 Bowling Club.

Further information about 600 Club bowling can be obtained by contacting either local club's secretary. Conversations between the two clubs have been started so look for more details in the near future and more bowling tournament opportunities. Until next time!

FINAL FRAME

• JULIE ZIMMERMAN, a former lady all-star who most recently had resided in Henderson, Nev., died on Sept. 3 from complications of lung cancer. A 20-year veteran of the Lady All-Star League, Julie bowled in 35 WIBC/USBC Championship Tourna-

ments. She was a participant and winner of several local and mid-western tournaments. Julie retired after 35 years of service to Comerica Bank and left for the sunny Vegas weather 15 years ago. Her husband, Carl, who accompanied her to all her bowling competitions, survives her. Memorial services were conducted Sept. 26 in Nevada. Julie's obituary was published in the *Detroit News*.

Reese's Julie Oczepek Wins Women's Series Event at Shelby Lanes

• JULIE OCZEPEK of Reese won her third Metro Detroit USBC Association (MDUSBC) Rip 10 Entertainment Women's Series event with a 226-168 triumph over Kathleen Bishop of Westland at Shelby Lanes in Utica. Oczepek took home the top prize of \$500, while Bishop settled for \$250.

Oczepek qualified ninth in the field of 31, with a four-game total of 810. Her consistent qualifying total included a high game of 214. In match play she beat Michelle Keirns of Lansing, 265-225, Lisa Bishop of Belleville, 265-175, and Sasha Hudak of Northville, 224-190, en route to the championship match.

Bishop qualified third with 834. Her victories in match play included wins over Sandra Schultz of Macomb, 253-202, and Jennifer Peretto of Royal Oak, 224-175, on her way to the final match.

Complete results are available at www.mdusbc.com under "Tournaments" and Women's Series page.

The event was co-sponsored by Storm and KR Strikeforce.

Rip 10 Entertainment is headquartered in Utica, Mich., and operates Shelby Lanes in Utica.

◆ The next event is Nov. 10 at Mayflower Lanes in Utica.



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Strengthen Your Weaknesses During Practice

TIPS FROM THE PROS



By CHERYL DANIELS

Member of the Professional Women's Bowling Association

• DO YOU want to be a better bowler? Identify what your weaknesses are and improve those areas of your game.

For instance, if you like to play the second arrow target line and become intimi-

dated by having to play around the first arrow or close to the gutter you should devote some of your practice time playing those other target lines.

It is important to become comfortable playing different angles to the pocket in order to take advantage of the lane condition. In some cases you may need different equipment and drilling patterns to play different angles.

I tend to use less aggressive drill patterns when I am playing outside and more direct. A bowler who never moves far enough inside when the lanes start to break down cannot take advantage of the shot that has become better from the inside line as the night goes on.

Bowlers who stand way to the left and still end up sliding back toward the center of the lane are not really comfortable playing inside or have not mastered that line to the pocket. When you play inside, move your feet and target left and try to finish on the same board you start on, remembering to keep your right shoulder in line with your target as you approach the foul line.

When spare shooting is a problem, do not waste your practice time. I see bowlers who never shoot their spares in practice, they rerack the machine and fall in love with just watching their ball strike. Remember to devote some of your practice time to shooting spares that you have difficulty with.

I suggest you use a plastic ball for covering the 10-pin and 6-pin spares and learn the 3-6-9 spare shooting system. (I will post it on Strikemastersproshop.com website soon).

Bowlers with really slow or fast ball speed should strive to turn up or down a notch. When I need more speed I lengthen my pushaway and move my body faster to the line. Incorporate a faster foot tempo and more pendulum swing.

When you need to slow down, keep your pushaway smaller and your foot tempo more relaxed, this will make it easier to slow

down. If you can increase or decrease your ball speed by 2 m.p.h., you will find it easier to adjust to more lane conditions.

In other words if you want to get better, you have to go beyond your comfort zone and not just practice what you do best. Devote 25 or 33 percent of your practice working on your weaknesses and watch them disappear.

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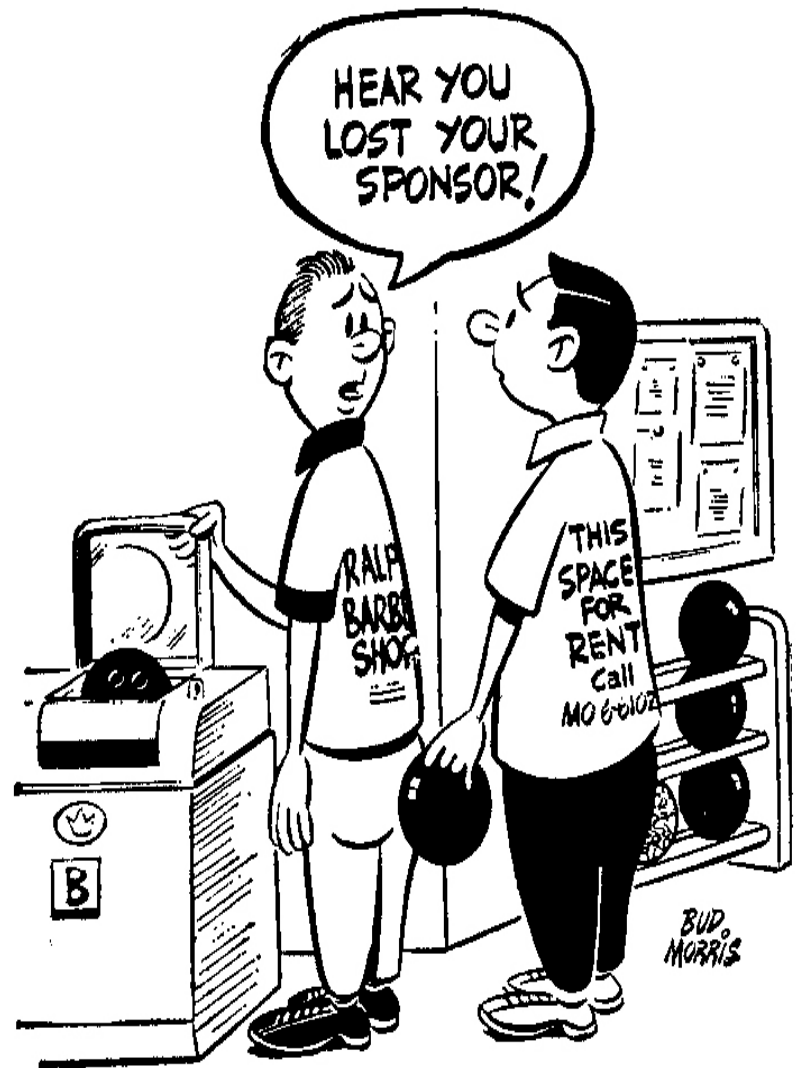
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Rough Start in Cheetah Championship Won't Stop Determined Owens

NFL all-pro wide receiver Terrell Owens, owner of the PBA League's Dallas Strikers and an aspiring professional bowler, had a rough introduction to PBA competition Saturday, averaging only 168.29 for his seven qualifying games in the Cheetah Championship.

Despite his struggles in the opening event of PBA World Series of Bowling V at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas, Owens might have been disappointed but he wasn't deterred from continuing his quest to master his new sport.

"It was better than I did in the USBC Open Championships (his first experience in a high-level national tournament)," Owens said of his PBA debut. "I got better as I bowled. I had a 194 last game, which was decent, and I didn't come in last.

"These are best bowlers in the world," he continued. "By no means did I expect to come in here and crush the lanes. Obviously I have a lot of learning to do. These guys have been (bowling competitively) the life span of my football career, or longer. It's going to take a lot of time, a lot of practice and I have to stay focused, but I'm a competitive person and I am willing to do that.

"I didn't bowl well by my standards or by any other standards, but I like when I'm seeing," he added. "The Cheetah (lane condition) is tough, but tomorrow is another day and I can only get better."

Owens, not surprisingly, is a power player who throws the ball "thumb-less" style, creating a lot of revolutions by not inserting his thumb into the ball. His technique requires precise timing, something he said he was lacking Saturday.

"I put a lot more pressure on myself, more than the environment around me does," he said. "I've played football under a lot of pressure. I just wanted to do well. That environment here doesn't bother me. I know eyes are on me. I just have to go through my routine, get comfortable and release the ball. The main thing I was missing was just following through with my shots. There were times I was rushing.

"The feedback I got from other guys and coaches has been pretty consistent. My muscle memory isn't the same as the other guys. When I do everything right, the ball does what it's supposed to do. When I started out in football, I didn't know what I was supposed to do and the same applies here. But I'm learning more and more every day, and I'm working hard at getting better."

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Just before setting out, we discovered that we would need to replace our 7-year old diesel truck...a substantial expense! But I simply did not feel comfortable...safe...sending our young missionaries out in equipment that was becoming more and more unreliable.

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How Can You Help?

Please consider making a special donation to Re-Creation to help us pay off our truck. We encourage you to make the donation in the name of that special veteran you want to honor or to honor all those who have made so many sacrifices in order that we might live in peace and security. No donation is too small. Thank you for your civic, spiritual and genuine consideration...

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Early Days of Bowling More Than Drinking and Gambling

• TOO OFTEN bowling has been depicted as an activity that has overcome a sordid past.

As a youngster I sort of reluctantly accepted the oft repeated tales of drinking and gambling and assorted other ills as the main lure of the game, and not the thrill of rolling a ball and knocking down more pins than the other bowlers.

Early in my writing career I met some people who were involved with the early days of the sport and others who were related to or knew some of the pioneers of the game. One day a fellow sportswriter handed me a package, told me that an older woman had dropped it off for me and if I didn't want it to just throw it away.

It was a scrapbook of bowling articles that appeared from 1900 to 1905. I was surprised, fascinated, and proud, and eagerly devoured every word. It was all positive,

maybe by design, maybe because that's the way it was. It had many a piece about women's bowling, informative, educational, and illustrative of a larger role women played than ever imagined.

Serving on various Hall of Fame and other committees I had the opportunity to peruse long ago publications and articles about the sport plus much of the research done by bowling scholars such as Al Matzelle, Bruce Pluckhahn and Herm Weiskopf.

Sure there was some gambling, drinking, plenty of needling, lip action, equipment tampering and all the rest that goes with the building of a sport, but there also was the touch of class given by builders, engineers, women, churches, athletic and social clubs and people from every walk of life.

• Idle bowling thoughts:

You can never tell about lane conditions and what effect they may have. There have been weeks on the national pro tour TV finals four top stars averaged a mere 201. And a week later, with four top stars — they averaged 262.

There is no bowling crisis, major or minor, local or national, to which bowling will not respond to with a meeting, a conference or a seminar.

Records are made to be broken though some can only be tied. But the Johnny Petraglia astounding career mark of at least one national title in six decades is one that could stand for a lot of years into forever. One of the first hurdles is to remain healthy enough over those many years.

No sport brings male and female athletes



By CHUCK PEZZANO

Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist

closer in competitive and social settings better than bowling, for people of all ages for amazing long times.

My first heroes in bowling were Andy Varipapa, Junie McMahon, Lou Campi, Lindy Faragalli and Marion Ladewig. Who were yours?

I like the story about the two men who each won \$5 million in a lottery, one an ardent but struggling bowler and the other an average working man. When asked what they planned to do with money, the working man said he was going to quit his job, spend a lot of time fishing and playing golf and take life easy, living on his new found wealth. The bowler scratched his head, thought a bit, then said, "I guess I'll just keep bowling in every tournament I can — until the money runs out."

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